

**Amendment After Allowance under 37 CFR 1.312**

Date filed **December 21, 2004**

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. **10/726,706**

**REMARKS**

This is an Amendment after Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312 and MPEP 714.16.

On **November 3, 2004**, a Notice of Allowance was mailed for the above-captioned patent application. The specification and claims have been amended in order to correct informalities therein. No new matter has been added.

Pursuant to MPEP §714.16, it is the Applicant's position that the amendments to the claims are mere corrections of formal matter in the claims without changing the scope of the allowed claims.

Furthermore, it is the Applicant's position that such amendments to the claims, pursuant to MPEP §714.16: (1) are needed for proper disclosure or protection of the Applicant's invention, and (2) require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent Office.

If for any reason, the Examiner has any questions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for a telephone conference in order to help expedite the disposition of this application.

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In the event this paper is not timely filed, the Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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